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transferring a portion of said payment to said service provider.

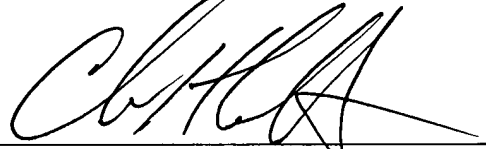
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claim:

Claim 4, line 1, first word, replace the word “In” with the word “An”.

Please add the following claims:

6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said electronic transaction is an electronic payment made to an administrator.
7. The method of Claim 6 further comprising:
said administrator transferring a portion of said payment to said healthcare provider.
8. The method of Claim 1 wherein said electronic transaction further comprises:
an administrator verifying insurance coverage for said patient by an insurance provider.
9. The method of Claim 5, wherein said electronic transaction is an electronic payment made to an administrator and further comprising the step of:
transferring a portion of said payment to said healthcare provider.
10. The method of Claim 5 further comprising the step of:
verifying insurance coverage for said patient by an insurance provider.
11. A method for securing an appointment with a service provider comprising the steps of:

said service provider uploading an appointment schedule onto a database via a network communications system;

a customer inputting said customer's static information and said customer's current information onto said database via said network communications system;

said customer accessing said appointment schedule;

said customer selecting an available time period on said appointment schedule for an appointment; and

said customer securing said appointment with an electronic transaction.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein said electronic transaction is an electronic payment made to an administrator.

13. The method of Claim 12 further comprising:
said administrator transferring a portion of said payment to said service provider.

14. A system for securing an appointment with a service provider, said system comprising:
a database for storing said service provider's appointment schedule and a customer's static information and current information;
an input means for receiving said service provider's appointment schedule and said customer's static information and current information;
a recording means for storing said service provider's appointment schedule and said customer's static information and current information in said database;

a process means for said customer securing an appointment during a time period, said

process means carry out the operations of:

- e) displaying said service provider's appointment schedule to said customer;
- f) allowing said customer to designate said time period;
- g) facilitating an electronic transaction on behalf of said customer to provide for payment for said appointment; and
- h) updating said service provider's appointment schedule such that said time period is no longer listed as available.

15. A method in a computer system for securing an appointment with a service provider, the method comprising:

receiving said service provider's appointment schedule;

storing said service provider's appointment schedule in a database;

receiving a customer's static information and said customer's current information;

storing said customer's static information and said customer's current information in said database;

processing said customer's choice of an appointment time period;

facilitating an electronic transaction by said customer to secure said appointment; and

updating said service provider's appointment schedule.

16. In article of manufacture comprising:

A computer useable medium have computer readable program code means embodied therein for controlling a system for securing an appointment with a service

provider, said computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing receiving a customer's static information and said customer's current information;

computer readable program code means for causing storing said customer's static information and said customer's current information in said database;

computer readable program code means for causing processing said customer's choice of an appointment time period;

computer readable program code means for facilitating an electronic transaction by said customer to secure said appointment; and

computer readable program code means for updating said service provider's appointment schedule.

17. A method of facilitating securing an appointment with a service provider over a computer network comprising the steps of:

receiving said service provider's appointment schedule;

storing said service provider's appointment schedule in a database;

receiving a customer's static information and said customer's current information;

storing said customer's static information and said customer's current information in said database;

processing said customer's choice of an appointment time period;

facilitating an electronic transaction by said customer to secure said appointment; and

updating said service provider's appointment schedule.

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